

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Ikeda, et al. ) Group Art Unit Unknown  
Appl. No. : Unknown )  
Filed : Herewith )  
For : METHOD FOR EVALUATING )  
DRUG SENSITIVITY )  
Examiner : Unknown )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1 -- Fig. 1A to Fig. 1D are evaluation results for sensitivity to morphine and (-)-U-50488. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A2 --The results of the tail-flick and hot-plate tests performed for morphine (Mor) induced analgesic effect are shown in Fig. 1A and Fig. 1B, and the results of the open-field test performed for morphine-induced hyperactivity are shown in Fig. 1C. Further, the result of the investigation for whether the CXBK  $\mu$ -OR gene induces reduction of analgesic effects of (-)-U-50488 (U-50), which is a selective  $\kappa$ -agonist, in CXBK mice are shown in Fig. 1D. The values mentioned in Fig. 1A to Fig. 1D are represented as average  $\pm$  SEM. Each group consisted of 10 animals for Fig. 1A to Fig. 1C, and each group consisted of 6 animals for Fig. 1D. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims: